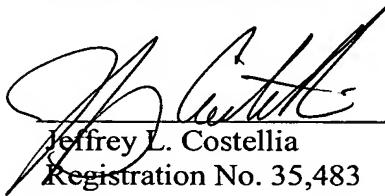


REMARKS

The specification has been amended in the brief description of drawings with reference to Figure 23 to rectify an obvious error that has been sent to the receiving Office and the International Bureau. Examination on the merits is requested.

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